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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS

The Salt Lake District, Bureau of Land Management invites you to participate in public meetings to identify the issues and impacts of a proposed project to replace salt on the Bonneville Salt Flats. The meetings will be held:

- March 4, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., at the Salt Lake District Office, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah

and

- March 9, 1993 at 7:00 p.m., at Wendover High School, 110 South Fourth, Wendover, Utah.

Written comments may be sent to Salt Lake District, 2370 South 2300 West, Salt Lake City, Utah 84119.

A study conducted in 1988 indicates the Bonneville Salt Flats are decreasing in size at the rate of 1% per year. The BLM Salt Lake District is preparing an environmental assessment on the effects of a proposed project to replace the salt.

PROPOSED PROJECT

Reilly Industries, Inc. and Save the Salt, Inc. jointly funded a feasibility study of moving salt from abandoned harvest ponds on private lands owned by Reilly Industries through a system of ditches to the public lands of the Bonneville Salt Flats.

Water would be pumped from wells in the Silver Island to the harvest ponds and the resulting brines would be moved to the Salt Flats. The Salt Flats would be flooded with this brine from the west side of Salduro Loop during the winter months.

A set of berms would be maintained from Floating Island through the Salduro Loop. Some of these berms exist, but significant construction would be required to make them continuous.

Evaporation would dry the Salt Flats and concentrate the salt during the late spring and early summer. The feasibility study indicates that there would be adequate time for the salt to dry in most years.

The initial cost of this project is estimated to be \$800,000. There would also be a cost for operation and monitoring of the project, but an estimate of these costs is not yet available.